

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 2522 - HB 2762

April 18, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (017658): Codifies the current pay scale practiced in the District Attorney General Conference (DAGC) and the District Public Defenders Conference (DPDC) for assistant district attorneys general (ADAs) and assistant district public defenders. Requires the Executive Director, as opposed to the Executive Committee, of the DAGC and the DPDC to approve any prior service credits awarded to attorney applicants with experience in outlined positions, used to determine entry level compensation for ADAs and ADPDs.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Tennessee Code Annotated § 8-7-226 establishes the salaries for ADAs.
- The proposed legislation replaces the pay schedule in Tenn. Code Ann. § 8-7-226(a) with the following:

Entry level	\$53,388
after one (1) year	\$56,748
after two (2) years	\$60,084
after three (3) years	\$63,480
after four (4) years	\$66,840
after five (5) years	\$70,164
after six (6) years	\$73,524
after seven (7) years	\$76,908
after eight (8) years	\$80,292
after nine (9) years	\$83,616
after ten (10) years	\$86,988
after eleven (11) years	\$90,348
after twelve (12) years	\$93,648

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after thirteen (13) years	\$97,008
after fourteen (14) years	\$100,356
after fifteen (15) years	\$103,692
after sixteen (16) years	\$107,064
after seventeen (17) years	\$110,100
after eighteen (18) years	\$113,064
after nineteen (19) years	\$115,896
after twenty (20) years	\$118,584
after twenty-one (21) years	\$122,496
after twenty-two (22) years	\$126,528
after twenty-three (23) years	\$130,680
after twenty-four (24) years	\$135,312
after twenty-five (25) years	\$139,908.

- Based on information provided by the DAGC, the salaries above represent the current salaries paid to ADAs and will not have a fiscal impact on the DAGC.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 8-7-227, the Executive Committee of the DAGC is required to approve an applicant's eligible prior experience in outlined positions to receive prior service credit used to determine entry level compensation.
- Prior service credits for outlined positions are limited to the total number of years the attorney had been licensed to practice law.
- Requiring the Executive Director to approve such prior service credits as opposed to the Executive Committee will have no fiscal impact on the DAGC.
- Tennessee Code Annotated § 8-14-107 establishes the salaries for the DPDC.
- The proposed legislation replaces the pay schedule in Tenn. Code Ann. § 8-14-107(b) with the following:

Entry level	\$53,388
after one (1) year	\$56,748
after two (2) years	\$60,084
after three (3) years	\$63,480
after four (4) years	\$66,840
after five (5) years	\$70,164
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after twenty-three (23) years	\$130,680
after twenty-four (24) years	\$135,312
after twenty-five (25) years	\$139,908.

- Based on information provided solely by the DPDC, the salaries above represent the current salaries paid to public defenders and will not have a fiscal impact on the DPDC.
- Fiscal Review staff cannot confirm the salaries listed above are the current salaries and is unable to independently verify this information.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 8-14-107(b)(3)(A), the Executive Committee of the DPDC is required to approve an applicant's eligible prior experience in outlined positions to receive prior service credit used to determine entry level compensation.
- Prior service credits for outlined positions are limited to the total number of years the attorney had been licensed to practice law.
- Requiring the Executive Director to approve such prior service credits as opposed to the Executive Committee will have no fiscal impact on the DPDC.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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